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SUBJECT: CENTO INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE

REF: ANKARA 5409

1. DEPARTMENT IS EXPLORING WAYS TO EXPAND US INTELLIGENCE
INPUT TO CENTO. US INTELLIGENCE CONTRIBUTION TO NATO IS
VOLUMINOUS AND INR AND NEA WILL BE ALERT FOR MATERIAL
APPROPRIATE FOR CENTO. AS FIRST STEP NEA AND INR WILL
SELECT AND ADAPT FOR CENTO RELEVANT US CONTRIBUTIONS TO
NATO EXPERTS MEETINGS. CENTO WILL THUS HAVE CONPREHENSIVE
AREA ASSESSMENTS EVERY SIX MONTHS - NATO PAPER AND ANNUAL
ASSESSMENT PREPARED FOR LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING.

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2. NEA AND INR HAVE, MOREOVER, UNDERTAKEN WATCHING BRIEF
T R INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OUTPUT FOR SPOT ASSESS-
N S N EPORTS OF INTEREST TO CENTO REGION. THESE
WILL BE CABLED OR POUCHED TO EMBASSY ANKARA FOR DISTRIBU-
TION VIA CSO OR DSG (POL) AS EMBASSY CHOOSES.

3. NEA WILL ALSO ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS GENERATED BY FIELD POSTS AND DEPARTMENT.

4. DIA HAS AGREED TO SLUG ITS PERIODIC CENTO INTELLIGENCE REPORT SENT TO CHUSELM CENTO FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PERMANENT MILITARY DELEGATES TO EMBASSY FOR CENTO CSO. DEPARTMENT IS CHECKING TO SEE IF US FLOW THROUGH EXISTING CHANNEL TO CSO CAN BE INCREASED.

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER UTILITY OF MORE STRUCTURED EXCHANGES ON QUARTERLY BASIS IN WHICH EACH CENTO COUNTRY CONTRIBUTES REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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